

TRINITY ALPS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES

Weaverville Elementary School LibraryWednesday, October 14, 2009
31020 State Hwy 3 Business Meeting 6:00 p.m.
Weaverville, California

Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board:

Mike Cloud, President -Present
Galen McCray, Vice President/Clerk - Present
Bob Simmons - Present
George Tkach - Present
Keith Groves - Present

1.0 Formal Opening

1.1 Call to Order – **6:02 PM**

1.2 Flag Salute

1.3 Additions or Changes in Agenda – Per Superintendent Traverso: Correction on Item 8.1 Personnel Report; move Item 9 after Item 13; move Item 6.1 to beginning of meeting.

Motion by Trustee Simmons to approve as amended, second by Trustee Groves.

1.4 Declaration of Recording Devices – One

Moved Item 6.1 **Public Hearing** Regarding Compliance with Education Code Section 60119 Sufficiency of Textbooks, Instructional Materials or Both

Open 6:03 PM. No comment from public

Close 6:04 PM

2.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC ON OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Amanda Cloud, THS art teacher, informed the Board that her classes will create 4 different murals on the THS campus this school year. Principal Robison commended Amanda on a great job. Annie Steele speaking as a grandparent of a high school student is concerned with profanity and disrespect at THS. Principal Robison states staff meetings have occurred regarding this issue and all staff are working on it. Trustee McCray directed Ms. Steele to speak to the administration with specific info. Christine Camara, Superintendent of Junction City School publicly thanked George Tkach for participating in their science camp teaching archery. Caroline Bishop mother of 9th grader asked what Board plans to do about some of the findings from the California Healthy Kids Survey, such as tobacco chewing and carrying weapons at schools. Principal Robison states Tobacco Education program will come in starting next week, and Probation is becoming more of a face at our school. Christine Camara attends the Local Coordinating Coalition made up of many school personnel as well as Ms. Robison and their goal is to work on issues found in the CHKS through the community as they feel it is a community issue. Trustees Groves and Cloud also addressed the issue. Steve Biggs, Coach of several positions was recently let go by our administration and he disputes the allegations made against him. He has letters of support and he asks the board to look into this matter. The following community members spoke in support of Steve Biggs: Mike Plotzke, Julie Barcelona-THS volleyball coach, Justin Jeangerard-THS student, Rex and Tracey Berry, Bob Jeangerard, Scott Yates, Doug Morrison, Heidi Johnston.

3.0 ACCEPT OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Simmons, Second by Trustee Tkach. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain

4.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Pull Items 4.1 and 4.2 for Vote.

On motion by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Tkach, the Trinity Alps Unified School District Governing Board approves consent ACTION items: 4.3, 4.4, and 4.5.

4.1 Approval of the Governing Board Regular Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2009 Vote: Trustee

Groves-Aye, Trustee Tkach-Aye, Trustee Cloud-Aye, Trustee McCray Aye, Trustee Simmons Abstain.

4.2 Approval of the Governing Board Special Workshop Minutes of September 29, 2009 Vote: Trustee Simmons-Aye, Trustee Tkach-Aye, Trustee Cloud-Aye, Trustee McCray-Aye, Trustee Groves Abstain.

4.3 Approval of Resolution 910-09 Payroll and General Fund Warrants

4.4 Ratify Signature Changes on Scott Valley Bank Accounts

4.5 Approve Continuation of Shasta College TRIO Talent Search Program at THS through June 30, 2010

5.0 BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

5.1 Director of Business Services Report – Cindy Blanchard

Ms. Blanchard gave a School Services power point presentation, which is the same one given at the third community meeting. In two weeks auditors will be up. The new ESCAPE financial system still has a couple of kinks. Cindy handed out some un-audited actual pages with corrections as the SACS reporting did not allow some prior year adjustments. She then gave a power point presentation on the un-audited actuals.

5.2 Approval of TAUSD 2008-2009 Un-Audited Financial Report
MSC Trustees Groves/Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

5.3 Approval of Resolution 910-10 GANN Limit
MSC Trustees Tkach/Groves. Motion carried unanimously.

5.4 Update on THS Tour Club – Rachel LaFein
Susan Hazard gave a brief report for Rachel as she is home ill tonight.

5.5 First Reading: Fees and Charges
Board Policy 3260 and Administrative Regulation 3260
Superintendent Traverso brought this back to explain what fees can legally be charged.

5.6 October & November Fundraising Calendar and Fundraising Requests
Superintendent Traverso explained the requests go to Denice Cody to coordinate.

5.7 Approval to Proceed to Contract with Fiscal Crisis Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) for Management and Technical Assistance
Superintendent Traverso reported FCMAT can conduct studies on transportation, food service, and special education to help us implement cost savings. He will get a proposal on costs, which is minimal as they are State funded, and bring it back to the Board.

5.8 Involuntary Grant Reduction to After School Program
Superintendent Traverso explained the State is reducing funds for the program.

Trustee Cloud motioned to break at 7:32 PM. Meeting resumed at 7:40 PM and Superintendent Traverso will skip to his report and discuss transportation to allow Scott Pickering to be here for that report. (Item 7.1)

7.1 Superintendent's Report – Ed Traverso
Scott Pickering gave handouts to the Board regarding using volunteer drivers and school liability. Kathleen Lynch provided a handout of how other schools are handling volunteer drivers. Superintendent Travers will bring back another estimate of the true cost of a bus and driver(s) to transport students to games.

6.0 INSTRUCTIONAL FUNCTIONS

6.1 **Public Hearing** Regarding Compliance with Education Code Section 60119 Sufficiency of Textbooks, Instructional Materials or Both

Open 6:03 PM. No comments from the public. **Close 6:04 PM**

6.2 Approval of Resolution 910-11 Determination of Sufficient Textbooks or Instructional Materials MSC Trustees Groves/Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

6.3 Amended Agreement with Sue Jones to Teach 1 AP Math Class 3 X per Week and Be Available to Students Before School
MSC Trustees Tkach/Groves. Motion carried unanimously.

6.4 Approval of Inter-District Transfer from THS to MVUSD
Motion to approve 6.4 through 6.8 by Trustee Cloud, Second by Trustee Groves. Motion carried unanimously.

6.5 Approval of Inter-District Transfer from MVUSD to THS

6.6 Approval of Inter-District Transfer from WES to MVUSD

6.7 Approval of Inter-District Transfer from WES to DCS

6.8 Approval of Inter-District Transfer from WES to DCS

6.9 Ratify Acceptance of Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Ed. Funds for 2009-10 School Year
Superintendent Traverso pointed out the language in the grant awards of Items 6.9 and 6.10 stating the funds will only be appropriated if the State has the funds, and he discussed how this affects schools.
Motion to approve 6.9 and 6.10 by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

6.10 Ratify Acceptance of Agricultural Vocational Ed Incentive Grant Funds for the 2009-10 School Year
See Item 6.9

6.11 Change in THS Career Exploratory Class Rotation-To be Presented at Board Meeting
Principal Robison has found that new students are lacking in keyboarding and organizational skills so the high school would like to offer a student success class in place of a music class, which would then be dropped. She is addressing this problem with the feeder schools. She would like to start on Tuesday. Superintendent Traverso will bring the revised THS schedule to the next meeting for Board approval.

6.12 Approval of THS FBLA Leadership Development Conference Field Trip-October 23-25
Motion to approve with contingency that if there are male students they take a male chaperone also, by Trustees Simmons and Second by Trustee Groves. Motion carried unanimously.

7.0 BOARD AND ADMINISTRATIVE

7.1 Superintendent's Report – Ed Traverso – Also see part of Item 7.1 below Item 5.8
Superintendent Traverso introduced Sean Harris from the audience as the sole person to give us a letter of interest for the Area 2 Board vacancy, thus he will be our new Board member for the down-river area. Christy Ravenscroft reported there are parents and staff looking at the idea of conversion of WES into a Charter School. The Alumni Association will have their Hall of Fame golf tournament and dinner Saturday night at the Golf Course. See Trustee Simmons for tickets. He summarized the 3 community meetings that were held last month and gave a power point presentation. High School CDS has 3 students; Alps View has 15, 3 of which came from THS this year. He handed out an enrollment report for WES, as well as THS class offerings. There was discussion on AP class offerings. THS currently has 240 students enrolled in AP classes. ADA funding structure has decreased but salaries continue to go up affecting our budget. He recently listened to a presentation on school bonds and will report more on this at the next meeting.

7.2 THS Principal's Report – Debra Robison
Ms. Robison reported the following: Current enrollment is 407. We have a new student from Portland Oregon. Through student study teams a student has gone to community day school and he is doing well. History articulation meeting was held but only WES, THS and J.C. schools attended. A second meeting for history is scheduled October 22 at TCOE at 4:00, the next step is math. Homecoming this week against Rio Vista, shortened day schedule with a bar-b-q (1:10) and then a parade (2:40). Powder Puff game tonight. A freshman

girl will sing the national anthem and community band will also perform. CAHSEE Testing took place. School Site Council meeting held with election of officers, Caroline Bishop is the new President. Their next meeting is November 10. Single School Plan will be looked at and updated. We may be eligible for a distinguished school award due to STAR testing results.

7.3 WES Principal's Report – Scott Payne

Principal Payne gave a Power Point presentation including AYP and API results and expectations. He reported the following: 8th grade girls volleyball tournament took 1st place. Red Ribbon Week 10/26 through 10/30. 10/29 8th grade will sponsor a spaghetti dinner to fund the student success AVID trip. 10/21 Road to Reading Success program.

7.4 Director of Facilities and Operations Report – Dave Ottem

Mr. Ottem reported the following: Maintenance Dept. is currently down 3 FTE and he is filling in as much as he can. We have 2 subs willing to sub on long term basis. Built platform in WES Science room, completed paint at THS, down spouts cleaned, a clock has been placed in the public L at THS, cleaned up graffiti, working with art class to beautify the school.

7.5 THS Student Representative Report – Jerad Harris, Student Body President

Superintendent Traverso gave a report for Jerad as he is at the Powder Puff game: Student rules of conduct are being enforced better this year; working on cleaning up the drinking fountain, cell phone use, chewing tobacco use; lack of bathrooms continues to be a problem (gym bathrooms are open per Principal Robison); students are worried about transportation for games; he plans to be here for future meetings.

7.6 ROP Report – Trustee Simmons

Trustee Simmons reported the ROP met last week focusing on Shasta Union High School, who is planning to pull out and create their own JPA and bring other valley schools along with them. This would affect our district and MVUSD. We would have to run our own ROP Program and lose the benefits of the Shasta-Trinity ROP.

7.7 Appoint District ROP Representative Effective December 2009

Trustee Simmons reported they meet every other month. The Board tabled this item to the November meeting.

7.8 WES Site Council Report

No report this month.

7.9 THS Site Council Report

Caroline Bishop reported they have 12 members and they are looking for teachers. They will meet every month rather than quarterly.

7.10 WES Boosters Club Report

Principal Payne reported they have met twice this year and have 15-16 parents involved.

7.11 THS Boosters Club Report

Principal Robison states they are at the Powder Puff game tonight and they do a great job.

7.12 Agriculture Advisory Committee Report

Trustee Simmons reported the committee hasn't met recently and they only meet 3-4 times per year.

7.13 CSEA Representative Report

No report this month.

7.14 CTA Representative Report

Mike Flint thanked the Board for this opportunity. He is pleased to see the Board's goals and the opportunity to improve communications. After articulation meeting they agreed to have quality rather than quantity in education, meet with feeder schools and coordinate as much as possible to make this a better learning experience for students. Teachers would like the Board to attend school events, negotiations, etc. CTA has questions about a few personnel assignments and would like to discuss with administration ASAP.

7.15 Approve Proposed Placement of Memorial Sign at THS Baseball Field

Superintendent Traverso explained this is for a graduate of 2003 who passed away in 2007. The sign was placed at the little league field where it has been vandalized so the parents would like it placed at our baseball field. Dave Ottem reported that last year's administration wanted to create an area for student memorials. The Board tabled this item until the November meeting.

7.16 Adopt the District Goals for 2009-2010 School Year

Superintendent Traverso wanted to know if the Board wished to include any of the goal suggestions from Trustee McCray. Trustee McCray suggests amending to include: #7 - prioritize and determine the future administrative organization for the District and establish a timeline to implement for the 2010-11 school year; #8 - Develop, implement, monitor and adjust a revenue and expense plan to ensure the District remains fiscally viable during the current economic downturn.

Motion by Trustee Groves to approve with amendment to include #7 and # 8, Second by Trustee McCray. Motion carried unanimously.

7.17 Approval of Williams Uniform Complaint Act Report for 3rd Quarter, 2009

MSC Trustees McCray/Groves. Motion carried unanimously.

7.18 Approval of Job Description: Dean of Students

We currently have two periods of Dean of Student at THS.

The Board tabled this item until the November meeting.

7.19 Consider Change of Date for November Meeting as it Falls on Veterans Day Holiday

The Board decided not to change the date. During the discussion regarding possibly changing the date of the November Board meeting a question regarding the need to appoint Board members prior to or on November 3rd took place. Since this appeared to be a time sensitive issue a motion to add Item 7.23 to amend the agenda was made by Trustee McCray, Second by Trustee Tkach and the motion carried unanimously. This action resulted in Item 7.24 Appointment of Board Members to be added to the agenda.

Added Item 7.24 Appointment of Board Members to Take Office at the Annual Organizational Meeting in December

Trustee Simmons motioned to appoint Keith Groves to Area 4 and Sean Harris to Area 2, Second by Trustee Tkach. Vote: 4 Ayes, Trustee Groves Abstained, 0 Nays, 0 Absent.

7.20 Final Adoption of Board Policies and Administrative Regulations Series 0000 – 9000

Superintendent Traverso handed out a revision of BP 6158(a) Independent Study.

MSC Trustees Tkach/Simmons. Motion carried unanimously.

7.21 Consideration of 175 Day Instructional Year

Superintendent Traverso plans on meeting with CSEA and CTA in January for discussion. There are no openers in CTA this year so it cannot be negotiated yet. Discussion items broached: Is it spread out through the year or is it just a week? Will it include administrative staff and confidential staff?

7.22 Approval of TAUSD Parent/Guardian Media Release of Information Form

Superintendent Traverso explained the Family Rights and Privacy Act also include playbills, honor roll lists,

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directory information, yearbooks, etc. and requires parental approval through a media release. Trustee Groves moved to approve with amended “passive” parental release, Second by Trustee Tkach. Discussion by Trustee McCray to change wording in second paragraph to “is” replacing “has”. Vote: 5 Ayes

8.0 PERSONNEL

8.1 Approval of Resolution 910-12 Personnel Services

Superintendent Traverso handed out a revised resolution and explained there is one change regarding an error on Mike Carroll (error was increasing Mike .75 hrs. per day, correction is increasing Mike .50 (half hour) per day. MSC Trustees Groves/Tkach. Motion carried unanimously.

8.2 Approval of Seven Period Salary Schedule

Superintendent Traverso explained this will allow teachers to receive STRS earned credit for teaching the 7th period. We currently have 3 teachers teaching 7 periods. We will work with the association and create an MOU with CTA.

Motion to approve by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Simmons. Vote: 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, 0 Abstain, 0 Absent.

9.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - Moved between Items 13 and 14.

10.0 ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING

Look at CHKSurvey results.

Trustee Groves thanked everyone for their participation, especially the Unions.

Trustee Tkach also thanked everyone.

Trustee McCray told the audience to continue to hold the Board accountable.

Trustee Simmons- NA

Trustee Cloud-NA

11.0 COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC CONCERNING CLOSED SESSION AGENDA – None

12.0 ACCEPT CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

Motion by Trustee Groves, Second by Trustee Tkach. Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 Absent, 0 Abstain

13.0 CLOSED SESSION – 10:25 PM

13.1 Government Code Section 54957.6

Regarding CTA and CSEA

District Negotiator Ed Traverso

13.2 Government Code Section 54957

Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release

9.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION - 11:15 PM

14.0 REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION - No reportable action taken

15.0 BOARD COMMENTS – See Item 10.0

16.0 ADJOURNMENT – 11:16 PM